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## MANY HAPPY RETURNS

Congratulations to the following alumnae and college chapters, which are celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2011.

<b>100 YEARS</b>	<b>50 YEARS</b>
ΑΠ/North Dakota	ΔΗ/Kansas State
Portland Alumnae Chapter	<b>25 YEARS</b>
Toronto Alumnae Chapter	ΕΥ/Yale
	ΕΥ/Columbia
	ΕΦ/Chicago

## CONGRESSIONAL VISIT DAY

Katie Wilkerson, Gamma Iota/Kentucky, and Julia Friedman, Eta/Michigan, represented Kappa Alpha Theta at the annual 2010



Katie Wilkerson, ΓΙ/Κεντάκι, and Julia Friedman, Η/Μίσιγκαν.

Congressional Visit Day sponsored by the North-American Interfraternity and National Panhellenic Conferences.

Nearly 200 student and alumnae leaders met with congressional representatives to seek their support for issues important to the

Greek community. Most recently the focus has been on housing issues, specifically the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act (CHIA). For more information on CHIA, go to [www.kappaalphatheta.org/fraternityhousing/fraternityhousingcorporation/collegiate\\_housing\\_infrastructure\\_act](http://www.kappaalphatheta.org/fraternityhousing/fraternityhousingcorporation/collegiate_housing_infrastructure_act).

## REUNIONS ANNOUNCED

ΓΔ/OHIO WESLEYAN. A commencement weekend brunch will be held at the Theta facility (179 W. Winter St.) on Saturday, May 7, from 11:00 to 1:00. All alumnae and friends of the Gamma Iota Chapter are welcome.

Contact Clare Whitaker, [cwhita2@owu.edu](mailto:cwhita2@owu.edu).

ΑΧ/PURDUE. The "You Can Go Home Again to Theta" gathering is being planned for Thetas who graduated in 1965-1969 at the Alpha Chi facility, 607 Russell Street, West Lafayette, Ind., June 2 through June 5. For more information, please contact Judy Bernet Evans, 104 Tulip Poplar Lane, Hendersonville, NC 28739; [jbernetevans@gmail.com](mailto:jbernetevans@gmail.com).

ΒΖ/OKLAHOMA STATE. The Beta Zeta Chapter's new member classes of 1972-1980 are having a reunion May 13-15, 2011. The event will be held at the Beta Zeta Chapter facility, 1323 West University, Stillwater, OK. For more information, please contact Sandy Mueller, [imblessed@brightok.net](mailto:imblessed@brightok.net) or Beth Fletcher, [bethfletcher@comcast.net](mailto:bethfletcher@comcast.net).

ΒΘ/IDAHO. The Beta Theta Chapter will celebrate the 10-year anniversary of its recolonization with a reunion for all chapter members the weekend of June 25 at the chapter facility, 630 Elm Street, Moscow, Idaho. Please save the date and contact Marianne Founds Phalin for additional information, 708-217-0595 or [mephalin@gmail.com](mailto:mephalin@gmail.com).

ΔΣ/BALL STATE. All Delta Sigma Chapter alumnae are invited to a reunion at KAΘ headquarters in Indianapolis, Ind. The open house event will be Sat., April 30, from 11:00 to 3:00. For more information and to RSVP, contact Liz Gumbel, [eagumbel@gmail.com](mailto:eagumbel@gmail.com).

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Place a reunion notice in *The Magazine* and on the Theta website. Mail a brief notice to Reunions, *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*, 8740 Founders Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268, and e-mail [webmaster@kappaalphatheta.org](mailto:webmaster@kappaalphatheta.org).

Notices for reunions to be held May through July must be received by January 31; for August through October, received by April 11; for November through January, received by July 11; and for February through April, by October 23. ☺

Learn about upcoming reunions at  
[www.kappaalphatheta.org/whatsnew/events/reunions](http://www.kappaalphatheta.org/whatsnew/events/reunions)



**A message from  
Amy Kates, ΑΦ/Tulane,  
Fraternity President**

## KAΘ INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK APRIL 10 - 16, 2011

As Fraternity President, I would like to thank each and every Theta who volunteers her time and talents to the benefit of our Fraternity. Fraternity volunteers have shaped Kappa Alpha Theta to be the premiere woman's Fraternity. Your selfless contributions demonstrate our noble ideals and fulfill the true promise of Kappa Alpha Theta. In recognition of your volunteer efforts, this week is dedicated to you. On behalf of Grand Council, thank you!

## ALPHA XI/OREGON

### ANNOUNCEMENT

Grand Council is pleased to announce the re-establishment of the Alpha Xi Chapter at the University of Oregon this fall! The return of Alpha Xi holds both excitement and promise for the entire Fraternity.

The re-establishment period will begin in early October and conclude with initiation and re-installation services as well as an installation celebration in November.

Educational leadership consultants (ELCs) and Fraternity staff and officers are responsible for the extension process. Of course, there will be many opportunities for local alumnae involvement. If you live in the Eugene area, please be sure to update your contact information, particularly your e-mail address, via [www.kappaalphatheta.org](http://www.kappaalphatheta.org) so that we can keep you apprised of important dates and developments as they occur.

Is there some exciting news about yourself or your chapter that you'd like to share with other Thetas? Let us know! A submission form may be found in *The Magazine* area of the Theta website, or you may send items via e-mail or snail mail to the editor. Addresses are listed on page 2. Please include your name and chapter of affiliation with each submission.

## WRITE TO US

Do you have a comment about an article in this or any other issue of *The Magazine*? Do you know an accomplished Theta who would be a good subject for a profile article? Do you have a Theta issue on your mind?

Then let us hear from you! We are pleased to receive letters from our readers; we value your input. Correspondence by regular mail or e-mail may be sent to the editor. (See page 2 for addresses.)

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## CORRESPONDENCE

### MILESTONE YEARS

Thank you so very much for the pansy pin in commemoration of my 50 years as a Theta. It is a wonderful gesture on the part of Grand Council and much appreciated. Being the first in my family to go to college, it was a strange and somewhat frightened freshman who occupied Mary Lyon Dorm at the University of Massachusetts in September of 1960. Theta became a second family to me; my sisters laughed with me, cried with me, and supported me in all I tried to accomplish. I think that

much of the self-confidence I have today came from being part of Theta. That confidence helped me to obtain a high-paying position in the computer industry, something I might not have achieved otherwise. I am retired now, but I had a satisfying and fulfilling career.

My pledge sisters remain my friends today. Each year we gather during the summer and have lunch, some of us travelling some distance to be there. But the true purpose is to touch one another again with our caring.

Theta will always have a soft spot in my heart. Sometimes

sororities are maligned, usually by people who have never experienced being part of one. Theta encouraged scholarship, loyalty, compassion, leadership, and, yes, we had fun too! I have three granddaughters who will reach college age in the next several years. Wherever they choose to attend school, I hope there will be a Theta chapter there. I will encourage them to think of Theta as an opportunity and a challenge to grow and become a confident, productive, and compassionate woman in the world.

**BEVERLY BOTELHO BERNARD-SKIBA**  
ΓΗ/MASSACHUSETTS

### RECENT RENOVATIONS

On behalf of the Gamma Mu Facility Corporation (GMFC) and Gamma Mu Chapter members and alumnae, we would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Fraternity Housing Corporation (FHC) for undertaking the recent renovation of the Gamma Mu facility at the University of Maryland.

Our home was built in 1937, with an addition in 1957. After many years of patchwork repairs, the facility was in need of major work to its infrastructure. From basement mold to electrical shorts, maintaining the facility had become both a financial drain and a potential safety hazard for the chapter women.

In 2008, as the economy began to take a nose dive, we, the GMFC, found ourselves in a difficult position. The Fraternity Housing Corporation stepped in, first by purchasing the facility, then by undertaking the renovation.

After a two-year hiatus, the Gamma Mu Chapter collegians returned this fall to a beautiful facility that includes a new professional kitchen, a night café kitchen, completely

remodeled bathrooms and guest suite, and a newly designed living room and library.

Thank you to the FHC team for making this possible! Many long volunteer hours were dedicated to the Gamma Mu facility.

**RACHEL SULLIVAN KELLEY, ΔO/ALABAMA,**  
**AND NINA NGHI HUYNH DOYLE, ΕΣ/UC IRVINE**

### TAYLOR'S GIFT

As a former vice-president of public relations for the Alpha Omicron Chapter, I was fully aware of our Fraternity's values and thought I knew exactly what it meant to live by them. But I never learned the true meaning of those words until March 2009 when I received a call that my sweet cousin Taylor had passed away in a skiing accident. She was a beautiful 13-year-old and was so full of love and life. Her mother (my Aunt Tara) and my younger sister are also both Thetas, and while we were unable to verbalize it, I know that one of the most difficult parts of her being gone is that we will never be able to share Theta sisterhood with her.

Taylor was the most kindhearted and generous eighth grader anyone had ever met. So on that cold day in Colorado, when it came time to make the heart-wrenching choice of whether or not to donate her organs, my aunt and uncle knew exactly what to do. Helping others is exactly what Taylor would have wanted. And that is exactly what she did.

Today, five people are alive because of the decision my aunt and uncle made to donate the organs that Taylor no longer needed. But the story doesn't stop there.

Through social networking and surfing the web, two of the organ recipients have been able to locate my family. My aunt and uncle were able to meet the once-diabetic father whose life was saved by the gift of Taylor's pancreas and kidney. In early September, they were able to hear Taylor's heart beating strongly in the chest of a mother from Arizona. A documentary team followed their journey, and my aunt and uncle have appeared on *Good Morning America* and the *Today Show*. But the story doesn't stop there.

A true Theta, Aunt Tara saw the potential to create the widest influence for good through this great tragedy. She and Uncle Todd have spent their time launching a foundation with the goal of increasing organ and tissue donation in the United States. The mission is to educate youth on the value of organ donation by sharing Taylor's story.

Currently they are in the process of developing a documentary, and daily hundreds visit [www.taylorsgift.org](http://www.taylorsgift.org), where they are able to easily register to be organ donors. But I am certain that her story will not stop there.

The same love that Tara and Todd Storch instilled in Taylor continues to reach thousands as they work to build Taylor's Gift Foundation and spread the word about organ donation. And while Taylor was never initiated as a Theta, the legacy that she left is living proof that "Theta love grows stronger through our sorrows."

**MALLORY M. TAYLOR**  
ΔO/OKLAHOMA ♦

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— Beverly Botelho  
Bernard-Skiba  
ΓΗ/Massachusetts



## SNAPSHOTS



## CHAPTERS

**A** Kelele Klockenga, BO/Iowa; Elizabeth Ruddy, AH/Vanderbilt; Courtney Knoff, B/Indiana; Brooke Beverage, O/USC; Nikkie Tomblin and Hayley Vanderwall, both HA/-; Kathryn Satterwhite, BA/William & Mary; and Caitlin Lippert, Mary Dries, Kennedy House, Catherine Jones, Kelsey Bond and Laura Canright, all ΓΨ/Texas Christian, met while sailing the Mediterranean during Semester at Sea's 2009 summer voyage.

**B** Kristy Pyke, Amanda Borland, Kathryn Haugen and Alexa Smith, all O/USC; Stephanie Chen, Ω/UC Berkeley; and

Cassie Geibel and Casey Hogue, both O/USC, attended the 2011 Campus Crusade for Christ winter conference.

**C** Sarah O'Dell, Rye VanBenschoten, and Tara Flynn Condon, all EA/Dickinson, reunited at a baby shower hosted for O'Dell.

**D** Theta mothers and daughters Robyn Sierk Canfield, BO/Iowa; Taylor Canfield, Γ/Butler; and Maggie Milani and Marty Zaputit Milani, both BO/Iowa, visited Beta Omicron Chapter at Iowa.

**E** Kelsey Martin and Jamie Stevens, both of Eta Lambda Chapter, took a summer trip to Ghana, West Africa. The pair were part of a university-sponsored immersion trip.

**F** After their universities competed in the Insight Bowl, two Upsilon Chapter members from Minnesota bumped into three Gamma Pi Chapter members from Iowa State Thetas at the post-game block party.

**G** Grace Gemmill Cashion, O/USC; Andrea Lombardi, ΓΞ/San Jose State; and Carl Price Hall and Lynne Ely Day, both BE/UCLA, all of the Pasadena Alumnae Chapter, supported CASA of Los Angeles at a fall dinner hosted by the chapter.

**H** Members of the Santa Cruz Alumnae Chapter participated in a Save Our Shores beach clean-up effort on the Rio del Mar and Seacliff beaches. Among those participating for the chapter were

## THETAS OF NOTE



**LISSA BRADFORD**, ΔO/ALABAMA, women's golf coach at Belmont University, is the recipient of the 2011 Gladys Palmer Mentorship Service Award, the National Golf Coaches Association's highest honor.



**LAUREN ACZON**, BΩ/COLORADO COLLEGE, was featured at her first public art show opening in Berkeley, Calif.



**MAGGIE MCKENNY HARRIS**, Γ/BUTLER, was named a 2010 Outstanding Minnesotan honoring her community work as president of Ever After Gowns. The award is given to leaders devoted to improving the community.



**JENNIFER MARTINSON**, ΔΔ/TEXAS A&M, has won TLS's "Homemade Millionaire" for her entrepreneurial Adelle June Convertible "Magic" Dress in the fashion category.



**SHANNON GARRISON**, BE/UCLA, has been appointed to serve a four-year term on the National Assessment Governing Board, which sets policy for the National Assessment of Educational Progress.





Ellen Pirie,  $\Delta\Delta$ /Whitman; Judy Hoffman Brock,  $\Gamma\Gamma$ /Rollins; Carolyn Watson Kruger,  $\Lambda$ /DePauw; Doris Clare Carlisle,  $\Gamma\Gamma$ /UC Santa Barbara; and Nancy Gregg,  $\Gamma\Xi$ /San Jose State.

- I** Women from Zeta Upsilon Chapter at UT Dallas joined their fathers at a Texas Rangers game.
- J** Beta Iota Chapter at Colorado was recognized for outstanding sisterhood and outstanding academics, for the highest GPA on campus, and Sarah Glasser was awarded chapter president of the year at the university's 2010 Panhellenic Greek awards.
- K** Jil LeCorgne Doughtie,  $\beta\Xi$ /SMU; Tandy Macatee Babb,  $\Lambda\Theta$ /Texas; and Jennifer Woodcock,  $\Lambda\Xi$ /Washington State, attend-

ed the Denver Alumnae Chapter's cooking lessons program, taught by Doughtie.

#### Not pictured

With help from a Theta Foundation grant, Beta Kappa/Drake brought David Stollman to speak about leadership, recruitment, and values clarification to the university's Greek community. Stollman, along with Drake's fraternity/sorority life advisor, joined the women for dinner at the chapter facility.

Epsilon Eta Chapter at Centre paired with Kappa Kappa Gamma to win the college's Greek Week "can-struction" competition. The women built a Roman amphitheatre out of canned goods, which were then donated to the Danville Food Bank.

The Theta Trippers from the Dallas Alumnae Chapter enjoyed an evening of comedy at the Eisemann Center Theatre in Dallas. Attending were Kristy Smith Rorschach,  $\Delta\Omega$ /Texas A&M; Toni Alles,  $\Lambda$ /DePauw; Jane DeFord,  $\Lambda\Theta$ /Texas; Julie Paul Noble,  $\beta\Xi$ /SMU; Ginnie Price Woods,  $\Lambda\Theta$ /Texas; and Yvonne Erwin Work,  $\beta\Xi$ /SMU.

The Houston Alumnae Chapter's annual Theta Charity Antiques Show, established in 1952, has raised more than \$5.7 million for 90 philanthropic organizations, and was awarded outstanding fund-raising program at National Philanthropy Day 2009. The show is considered by many aficionados to be one of the top three antiques shows in the United States.

(NAEP). Garrison, a fourth grade teacher, is one of only three teachers appointed to the 26-member board, which includes governors and congressmen appointed by the US secretary of education.

**SARAH MUNRO THOMAS,  $\Lambda\Xi$ /WASHINGTON STATE**, has been selected by the National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE) for a Teachers Turn the Key Award, a

national scholarship program that allows early agricultural educators to attend the national NAAE convention.

Doner, an advertising agency with offices in the United States and London, has promoted **JULIE FLEISCHMANN THOMPSON,  $\Pi$ /ALBION**, to vice-president, director of local broadcast.

**HOLLY BERRIGAN** and **WHITNEY DORSEY**, both  $\Lambda\Theta$ /OKLAHOMA, are

interning for the American Embassy in Rome, with positions in public diplomacy and politics, respectively.

**KATHRYN MINSHEW,  $\beta\Gamma$ /DUKE**, and **CAROLINE GHOSH,  $\Phi\Delta$ /STANFORD**, have co-founded Pretty Young Professional, which provides intelligent, career-related resources for professional women ages 18-30.

**JACQUE NIXON DENUYL,  $\Lambda\psi$ /LAWRENCE**, is a

board member and CFO for Cure JM, a national organization that fundraises, educates, and raises awareness for Juvenile Myotonia, a rare autoimmune disease.

**DHAYA LAKSHMINARAYANAN,  $\Sigma\mathbf{M}$ /MIT**, has been working as a professional comedian since 2006, even touring with Five Funny Females. At MIT, her Charm School courses on reading body language and telling jokes

were covered by CNN and NPR. In March 2010, she began hosting *High School Quiz Show* on Boston's PBS station WGBH. She also independently consults with public and private companies, entrepreneurs, political candidates, and nonprofits in strategic communications.





**THE PORTLAND ALUMNAE CHAPTER HELD ITS FOUNDERS DAY EVENT. TOP: MARY FRANCES GREGERSEN ACOTT, SHARON SIPPRESS, AND TWINKLE AWARD RECIPIENT MARY SIPPRESS POOL, ALL OF ALPHA Ξ/OREGON. BOTTOM: A GROUP OF 50-YEAR THETAS WAS HONORED AT THE EVENT.**

## FOUNDERS DAY

- A** Fifty-year alumna Carolie Potter Sherard, AM/Missouri; Tucson Alumnae Chapter president Kristin Reppenhagen Jiroudek, EO/Randolph-Macon; and 50-year alumna Miriam Davis Reid, AM/Missouri, celebrated at the Tucson Alumnae Chapter's Founders Day celebration.
- B** The Fox Cities Alumnae Chapter and Alpha Psi Chapter held a Founders Day brunch on the Lawrence campus.
- C** The Greater Fort Meyers Alumnae Chapter had great attendance at its Founders Day celebration.
- D** Kathy Clark Redman and Emily Jorgensen-Blackman, both ΓΩ/Auburn;

Colleen Gallagher Combs, ΔΦ/Clemson; and Tracey Long Carisch, B/Indiana, attended the Chattanooga Area Alumnae Chapter's Founders Day event.

- E** Natalie Johnson Handy, Mary Anderson Craig, Catherine Monroe Proteau, Peggy Severn Early, Jean Oestreich Galbraith, Annabelle Dizman Jones, Barbara Morgan Auer, Jane Henry Trunkey, Nancy Sell Stuart, Sue Hicks Vitums, Mary Pettersen Brown, (front) Joan Eckles Bahrenburg, Karen Coffin Pratt, Marilyn Horton Steiner, Joanne Henry Nielson, Becky Sieveke Shellman, Kay Henry Upshaw, and Karen Reinertsen Cameron, all of Alpha Sigma Chapter at Washington State, reunited for a three-day weekend at Coeur d'Alene and

Hayden Lake, Idaho.

- F** Members of the 1961 initiation class at ΓΔ/Georgia met up for a reunion in Atlanta.
- G** The Platinum Kites, a group of former Fraternity and Theta Foundation officers, held a fall reunion in Kansas City, Mo. If you are a former Theta officer and want more information about the Platinum Kites, e-mail [jeniferl@comcast.net](mailto:jeniferl@comcast.net).
- H** Janet Chapman Fowler, Margie Rossow Nelsen, Judith Pilcher Frank, Marvelle Friese Stone, (back) Mary Ellen Berdahl Lantis, Linda Demlo, Linda Green Hale, Elaine Meyers Wolsky, and Donna Link Knox, all of the 1960 initiation class at AP/South Dakota, met for a 50th reunion



Alumnae of **OMEGA CHAPTER** at UC BERKELEY gathered from all regions of California for the UC Berkeley vs. USC football game.



**MACKENZIE KNOWLING, JULIANE CHALABI, CAROLYN LOWRY and ELIZABETH BEHRMANN WEST**, all HN/LAKE FOREST; **MOLLY MULLEN**, ΔΔ/WHITMAN; and **ANNIE HUEBNER**, HN/LAKE FOREST, reunited in Washington, DC.



Thirteen alumnae of ΓΩ/AUBURN reunited on a cruise to the Bahamas.





## THETA REUNIONS

in Des Moines, Iowa.

**I** Charlotte Cuneo Patrick, Betsy Amick Rhodes, Pinky Stone Brady, Nancy Hardy Drew, Barbara Lehr Jones, LaVerne Kneeshaw Schmidt, Shirley Allen Douglas, and Zibby Hayes Jones, alumnae of  $\Gamma\Xi$ /San Jose State, reunited for their annual summer party at Lake Tahoe.

**J** Judy Detrick Gowing Harris, Joan Portle Abrahamsen, Pat Boynton Frey, Kathy Hays Fox, Jane Eklund Anderson, Joan Fausch Schachtner, (back) Mary Ewing Gosline, Karen Pearson Staulcup, Margie Seaman Spikerman, Arlene Shaneyfelt Ehlers, Brenda McCutchan Constantine, and Judy Samuel Meyer, all Alpha

Chapter alumnae, returned to DePauw for a 45th reunion—the largest Greek group in attendance.

### Not Pictured

The 1957 initiation class from AA/Washington met for lunch at The Sunset Club in Seattle. **Ellen Stingle Fitz-Schroeder**, Jolly Sachs Seyster, Nancy Parsons McDonald, Sharon Dillon, Joyoe McDonald Lorentzen, Pat Krause Moreland, Sally Boid Nordstrom, Susan Beaulieu Dorn, Tami Kenoyer Johnson, Betty Clanton Goldstein, Kathy Hansen Fleming, Jan Kreger Bergesen, and Gretchen Johnson Peterson attended the reunion lunch.

After graduating from Fresno State, **Eloise Pymm Matthew**, **Barbara Hebert Leach**, **Bina Hilden Crawford**, **Joan Brown Briscoe**, **Barbara Thaxter Zimmerman**, **Rosemary Johnson Dawson**, **Anne Cochrane McFarlane**, and **Janice Polson Bell**, a group of **Gamma Chi Chapter** friends, were scattered across the country. To keep in touch, they began a round robin letter circulation. Individual letters from each friend were gathered and sent in one large envelope to a member of the round robin. That member would remove her last letter, replace it with a new one, and send it along to the next member on the list. The women have been participating in this circulation for nearly 60 years, sharing letters about weddings, the birth of children, new homes, jobs, deaths, traveling adventures, and their Theta friendship.



Former alumnae district presidents met up in Orlando, Fla. **JENNY PAKULA**,  $\beta\Gamma$ /COLORADO; **SAGE SINGLETON**,  $\Gamma\Omega$ /AUBURN; **KIM LININ**,  $\Delta\eta$ /KANSAS STATE; (back) **MARY ELLEN KUTSENDA FITZSIMONDS**,  $\beta\kappa$ /DRAKE; and **ANGHARAD GRIMES STOCK**,  $\Delta\Omega$ /PITTSBURGH.



**SUSAN MORSE GORDON** and **MARY BESS CORBIN DALTON** attended the reunion of  $\epsilon\epsilon$ /BAYLOR initiation classes of 1984-1992 at Patrizio's Restaurant in Fairview, Texas.



**CARRIE LOU POLLOCK KIEFER**, **MARIBETH AMRHEIN GRAHAM**, **PATRICIA NICHOLS HOLTVOIGT**, **ANNE SHIRK NOBIS**, **JANE MURRIN KILGORE**, and **JO ANN STAHL PROVENCHER**, all  $\Gamma\Delta$ /OHIO WESLEYAN, returned to campus for their 55th reunion. ♦



KAPPA ALPHA THETA'S TRUE PROMISE IS A VOW, A TWO-WAY PLEDGE BETWEEN THE FRATERNITY AND EACH OF HER MEMBERS. IT IS UP TO EACH THETA TO DISCOVER AND FULFILL THE PROMISE WITHIN HERSELF. SO, TOO, IS IT UP TO EACH THETA TO DETERMINE WHAT THE FRATERNITY WILL MEAN TO HER AND HOW HER MEMBERSHIP WILL CONTRIBUTE TO HER LIFE.



## HOW WILL YOU LIVE OUT YOUR TRUE PROMISE?

AGNES DE MILLE, BETA XI/UCLA,  
IS A KAPPA ALPHA THETA WOMAN OF TRUE PROMISE.

Agnes de Mille, BE/UCLA, got her love of the stage honestly; her father was playwright William Churchill de Mille and her uncle was renowned director/producer Cecil B. de Mille. Although her family was one of the best-known in Hollywood, Agnes wanted to earn her way into the business, and recognition didn't come easy for the promising dancer.

After graduating from UCLA at 19, de Mille moved to New York to pursue a career in theatre. Finding work was tough, and she began choreographing on her own—dancing a series of solo performances. Her recitals were extremely well-received by critics, but she soon ran out of funding.

In 1932, De Mille moved to London with her mother to pursue more opportunities. She was encouraged so much by the leaders in the London dance community that she studied at Rambert's Ballet Club for nearly five years, expanding her range and improving her technique.

In 1938 she returned to the US and became a charter member of the Ballet Theatre, now the

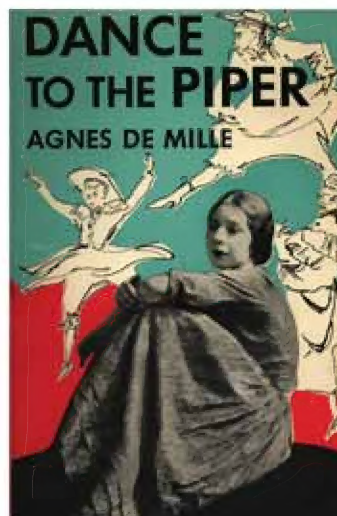
American Ballet Theatre (ABT). There she created her first ballet, *Black Ritual*, the first serious ballet to be choreographed for black dancers.

The success of her ballet *Rodeo*, in which she also danced the lead, garnered the attention of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein, who asked her to choreograph their musical *Oklahoma!* She would go on to create dances for *Brigadoon*, *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*, and *110 in the Shade*, among many others.

Besides being respected as a visionary in American dance, De Mille was an outspoken advocate for the arts community. She spoke across the country in support of government funding for the arts and was selected by Presidents Kennedy and Johnson to serve on national committees related to the arts.

When doors were closed to her, and reaching her dream seemed impossible, Agnes de Mille refused to give up. When her dream was realized, she used her voice to give others a chance to aspire. How will you live out your True Promise? ◇

*The artist never entirely knows. We guess. We may be wrong, but we take leap after leap in the dark."*



Want more?  
[www.abt.org/education/  
archive/choreographers/  
de\\_mille.html](http://www.abt.org/education/archive/choreographers/de_mille.html)



## KATHLEEN BENNETT TONKEL A THETA OF NOTE



KATHLEEN BENNETT TONKEL, ETA/MICHIGAN, IS THE PRESIDENT OF THETA FOUNDATION, PREVIOUSLY SERVING NINE YEARS ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. SHE HAS SERVED THE FRATERNITY AS VICE-PRESIDENTS ALUMNAE AND EXTENSION, DIRECTOR OF ALUMNAE PROGRAMMING, AND ALUMNAE DISTRICT PRESIDENT. OUTSIDE THETA, HER INTERESTS INCLUDE THE GRAND HARBOR OUTREACH COMMITTEE, JUNIOR LEAGUE, AND MENTORING (ALONG WITH HER HUSBAND) A DISADVANTAGED BOY.

### WHAT IS YOUR PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENT?

While moving around the country 10 times, raising three children to be good citizens, good parents, good people.

### WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR GREATEST CHALLENGE?

While moving around the country 10 times, raising three children to be good citizens, good parents, good people!

### TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT KAPPA ALPHA THETA FOUNDATION THAT MOST THETAS PROBABLY DON'T KNOW.

Only five percent of our sisters are Theta Foundation donors! Yet through gifts big and small, these women provide approximately 70 percent of Theta Foundation's annual funding. Imagine what we could make possible if even 25 percent of us gave!

### WHAT IS THE VALUE OF VOLUNTEERING?

Volunteering takes you out of your personal world to focus on someone or something else, another cause. It allows you to improve something, to make a positive contribution to something lasting, something larger than yourself.

### WHAT TALENT WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO HAVE?

I wish I could dance—I am really dorky! No grace at all.

### WHAT ONE THING REALLY MAKES YOUR DAY?

Talking with my husband at the end of the day and laughing together about something, or getting a phone call from one of our children, all adults with busy lives, careers, and children of their own.

### WHAT IS YOUR MOST TREASURED POSSESSION?

Family photos, our children's homemade crafts and gifts when they were little.

### "LOOKING AT ME, NO ONE WOULD GUESS THAT..."

At a dude ranch rodeo, I once won a barrel racing contest on a horse named Goldie. I was raised riding bareback.

### WHO ARE YOUR HEROES?

Margaret Thatcher, Condoleezza Rice, Eleanor Roosevelt, Ronald Reagan.

### WHAT DO YOU VALUE MOST IN YOUR FRIENDS?

Integrity, kindness, a sense of humor.

### WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THETA MEMORY?

The many memorable reunions over the years with my Eta sisters at Lake Michigan cottages, in Chicago, on Washington Island (Wis.), Islesboro Island (Maine), Canyon Ranch (Ariz.), Naples (Fla.), Columbus (Ohio), Ann Arbor (Mich.), and even Istanbul! ☺



### FUN FACT

*Kathy Tonkel has been a member and officer of 11 alumnae chapters!*



# THE STATE *of the* 2010 FRATERNITY

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As Thetas, we are all familiar with the story from 1870 of the Fraternity's founders at Asbury College. We know of their feelings of isolation as their male classmates—and even some faculty members—protested their presence on campus. In an editorial in the *Asbury Review*, one opponent to coeducation voiced his opinion that it would be a short-lived experiment, and that “... time sets all things right.”



Amy Hayner  
Kates,  
AΦ/Tulane,  
Fraternity  
President

He was right, but not in the way he intended! That young man might be very surprised to learn that time has not only proven the worth of coeducation but also of Kappa Alpha Theta and the ideals on which she was founded.

In addition to proving themselves academically in Asbury's classrooms, our founders had to contend with society's view that intellectual achievement would make them less “womanly.” Accordingly, although one of their aspirations for the Fraternity they created was highest scholarship, they also aimed to exercise the widest influence for good and to demonstrate ethical and honorable behavior. While offering a lifelong opportunity for social, intellectual, and moral growth, Kappa Alpha Theta was also intended to personify the nobility of cultured womanhood.

More than 140 years after our founding, cultured womanhood remains a worthy aspiration. This ideal binds together Thetas from different generations and different social, cultural, and geographic groups to create one of the oldest, largest, and most powerful female networks in the world. As this state-of-the-Fraternity report shows, together, we can accomplish great things.

Loyally,

*Amy Kates*

Amy Hayner Kates, AΦ/Tulane, Fraternity President

This state of the Fraternity report provides information on Fraternity business as well as a short historical record of the year. This report reviews Theta programs during 2010 (January 1 through December 31). The financial information, however, pertains to fiscal 2009-10 (July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010). And readers should also note that some scholarship and ELC information pertains to the 2009-10 academic year.

## GENERAL TREASURY INCOME

**TOTAL \$4,626,309**

Services/Supplies***	1.00%	46,068
Alumnae Support****	2.11%	97,578
Member Non-Dues Income**	6.76%	312,720
Leadership Training Fund Grant	8.08%	373,705
Risk Management Fees	7.97%	368,848
Foundation Grant	8.06%	372,965
International Meeting	16.65%	770,443
College Chapter Support*	46.40%	2,146,572
Investment Return/Disestablished Chapter	2.97%	137,410
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 4,626,309</b>

## GENERAL TREASURY EXPENSE \*\*

**TOTAL \$4,632,232**

Fraternity Officer Administration	2.5%	115,362
Capital Improvement***	7.5%	336,932
Risk Management Central Office Administration	6.9%	317,887
International Meeting Programs*	28%	1,313,137
Investment Income to Disestablished Chapter Reserves	18%	843,616
	34%	1,564,139
	3.1%	141,160
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 4,632,233</b>

\* Initiation, per capita, & chapter services fees, etc.

\*\* Merchandise sales, jewelry commission, affinity charge card, etc.

\*\*\* Publications, labels/printouts, member links, etc.

\*\*\*\* Alumnae per capita fees, paid individually and via alumnae chapters and Life Loyal memberships

\* Magazine, Educational Leadership Consultants, AlcoholEdu, etc.

\*\* Percent of total toward educational programs is 21%

\*\*\* Capital computer system upgrades, asset disposition, building improvements, depreciation HQ & facilities

## 2010 FRATERNITY STATISTICS

Active College Chapters	Active Alumnae Chapters	Active Alumnae Circles	Total Initiated Members
127	189	8	215,038

## 2010-2012 GRAND COUNCIL

AMY HAYNER KATES,  
Fraternity President

PAIGE BENDEL ELLERMAN,  
Fraternity Vice-President  
College

LAURA WARE DOERRE,  
Fraternity Vice-President  
Alumnae

MANDY BURGETT WUSHINSKE,  
Fraternity Vice-President  
Education

SUZANNE GRAF MCLEMORE,  
Fraternity Vice-President  
Finance & Facilities

APRIL PINKSTON DUPREE,  
Fraternity Vice-President  
Membership

JULIE RUFFOLO GILPIN,  
Fraternity Vice-President  
Public Relations

KATHLEEN BENNETT TONKEL,  
Foundation President



# SCHOLARSHIP

"WE ARE INTELLECTUALLY AMBITIOUS."

## SCHOLARSHIP

During the 2009-10 academic year, 1,743 undergraduate Thetas achieved straight As for at least one school term. In addition, 50 college chapters achieved the number-one scholarship ranking on their campuses during at least one term during 2009-10. (In the list at right, an asterisk indicates those chapters that achieved number-one status during all terms.)

## EDUCATION

Kappa Alpha Theta's **educational program** is called the Balanced Woman Member Education Program. Ongoing and progressive educational programs are provided according to the year of membership. Modules included in the Balanced Woman are "Learn" (freshman year), which builds an understanding of the Fraternity and promotes involvement and leadership opportunities on campus; "Grow" (sophomore year), which promotes self-awareness, teaches the building blocks of a healthy lifestyle, and emphasizes moral growth and service; "Excel" (junior year), which encourages awareness of community issues and volunteer opportunities and builds academic and real-world discipline; "Theta for a Lifetime" (senior year), which creates the tools for a successful and rewarding alumnae experience.

Theta for a Lifetime is also the name of the Fraternity's **member orientation program**. This name was selected because Theta is a lifetime commitment, and the privileges of membership

last throughout a member's life. Chapters can conduct the new member orientation program over a four- to six-week orientation period followed by initiation. Orientation modules include Our History and Heritage; Scholarship, Our Highest Aim; Leadership, Widest Influence for Good; Presentation, Socially Congenial; Personality, Good Moral Character; and Theta Ritual, Links to Sisterhood.

Serving as role models, mentors, guides, and ambassadors, Theta's **educational leadership consultants** (ELCs) are enthusiastic and well-informed. They develop educational programs, lead workshops, teach problem-solving techniques, motivate members, and offer assistance and support to college chapters. After comprehensive training in every aspect of the Fraternity's programming, policies, and procedures, as well as in effective communication, motivational techniques, and business etiquette, the nine recent graduates who served as the 2009-10 ELCs fanned out across the continent, visiting each college chapter in the US and Canada. A significant portion (60 percent) of the cost of the ELC program is funded by the Foundation grant to the Fraternity.

More than 200 college chapter vice-presidents, finance and chapter finance advisors attended a **VPP conference** in January. Gathering in Dallas, attendees received training from finance district directors on the Fraternity's finance policies and procedures, as well as on Billhighway, Theta's new finance software for college chapters.

# WIDEST INFLUENCE FOR GOOD

"WE EXEMPLIFY THE WIDEST INFLUENCE FOR GOOD."

## GRAND CONVENTION 2010

Nearly 700 Thetas gathered in June for the Fraternity's 69th Grand Convention in Tucson. Delegates considered and voted on legislation that streamlined and clarified the college member discipline process, codified a Fraternity social media policy, and established consistency between risk management policies and philanthropic event practices.

Service and philanthropy held a prominent place at Convention. In only its second biennium, the Pansy Patch raised more than \$92,900 for Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation. More than 500 Thetas participated in the first Starlight Walk for CASA, raising more than \$3,500 for Court Appointed Special Advocates of Pima County, Ariz. Robin Jameson McGraw, Omicron/USC, a long-time supporter of CASA, served as the walk's honorary leader. Convention attendees and other Thetas donated more than 1,600 children's books in a book drive to benefit Girls Inc.; CASA; and an elementary school.

## GROWTH

The Fraternity celebrated the **re-establishment of one college chapter** and the **chartering of another**, in addition to the establishment of **four new alumnae chapters** and the **re-chartering of one**.

The Lambda Chapter was reinstalled the weekend of November 12 on the University of Vermont campus in Burlington. With help from collegians from the Theta chapter at Harvard, as well as numerous alumnae, 57 charter members were initiated into Kappa Alpha Theta. Originally founded in 1881, the Lambda Chapter has a rich history, including members who were the first two women inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa honor society.

A week earlier, the Eta Tau Chapter had been installed at the University of Tampa. Seventy-seven charter members were initiated with the help of collegians from the Eta Theta Chapter at Central Florida and Tampa alumnae. More than 100 countries are represented within the

## CHAPTERS #1 IN SCHOLARSHIP

B/Indiana  
 C/Butler  
 H/Michigan\*  
 IA/Chris Westleyen  
 M/Alegheny  
 N/Hanford  
 T/Northwestern  
 W/Pacific  
 AB/Brown  
 AH/Vanderbilt  
 AA/Washington\*  
 AM/Massachusetts\*  
 AO/Oklahoma\*  
 AP/South Dakota\*  
 AZ/Washington State  
 AT/Cincinnati  
 AY/Vermont\*  
 BZ/Oklahoma State  
 BI/Colorado  
 BK/Duke  
 BM/Nevada  
 BO/Iowa  
 BN/Michigan State\*  
 BX/Alberta  
 CE/Western Ontario\*  
 CG/Carnegie Mellon  
 CP/UC Santa Barbara  
 CS/San Diego State  
 CT/Tulsa  
 CX/Fresno State  
 AA/Wisconsin\*  
 AE/Wyoming State\*  
 FH/Centre\*  
 EL/Westminster\*  
 ET/Bucknell  
 ET/Nile  
 EQ/Washington & Jefferson\*  
 ZH/Wofford  
 ZA/Charleston  
 ZP/UC San Diego\*  
 ZS/Ohio Northern\*  
 ZY/UT Dallas  
 ZQ/Loyola Marymount\*  
 HL/Cornell College  
 HL/San Diego\*  
 HM/Occidental\*  
 HO/North Florida  
 HE/Germantown  
 HL/Case Western Reserve  
 HP/James Madison\*



university's student body, giving it an impressive cultural diversity.

In 2010, Grand Council granted charters to alumnae chapters in North Alabama; Richmond, Ky.; Providence, RI; Madison, Wis.; and Sherman-Denison, Texas.

## PLAN OF ASPIRATIONS

Kappa Alpha Theta will celebrate its sesquicentennial in 2020. As we prepare to commemorate the Fraternity's past on this significant anniversary, Grand Council feels an enormous responsibility to provide for Theta's future. Consequently, Fraternity officers and staff embarked on a strategic planning process in July.

Comprising four aspirations backed by goals, objectives, and action items, the five-year plan supports Theta's commitment to cultured womanhood. It is purposefully intended to reaffirm our commitment to social, intellectual, and moral growth—our true promise to one another—and to building and maintaining strong chapters, the foundation of our existence. Look for more details in the summer issue of the Theta magazine.

## ONLINE TOOLS AND NETWORKS

In a society whose breadth continues to expand via the Internet, our ability to promote Kappa Alpha Theta in a positive manner to worldwide audiences grows, as does our opportunity to provide multiple online services for our members.

In partnership with the **Group Interactive Network** (GIN), the Fraternity provides to college chapters web-based members-only organizational and communications tools. Accessible at any time in one central place, the GIN System features calendars with automatic text and e-mail reminders, file sharing, signups, points tracking, mass text messaging, and more. The Think Theta Facebook Fan Page Tab gives chapters' Fan Pages a unique Facebook presence.

**Social media tools** are ubiquitous, for alumnae as well as for collegians. Believing in the power of these tools to help members connect with one another, Theta implements Kappa Alpha Theta inCircle, Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn, as well as YouTube and Flickr.

Theta utilizes social media tools, believing in their power to help members connect with one another as well as to project a positive image of the Fraternity.



**Blogs** were first introduced on Theta's website in conjunction with Grand Convention 2008. Since then, online diarists have shared their Theta lives via college-, alumnae-, ELC-, and Fraternity-related blogs.

**Website templates** developed and hosted by the Fraternity allow alumnae and college chapters to easily create and maintain chapter websites. Each template is part of the Fraternity website structure, enabling the chapter site to share the same login and use the same tools and features as the Fraternity website. Each template-based website is hosted by Theta at no cost to the chapter.

## HOUSING

In 2007, Grand Council approved the formation of the Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity Housing Corporation (FHC), a separate corporation, to hold title to or to rent real and/or personal property to be used for housing and/or meeting purposes of specific college chapters.

By the close of 2010, 23 college chapter facilities were under the FHC umbrella. Work in 2010 concentrated on a complete remodeling of the Beta Nu facility at Florida State and the Gamma Mu facility at Maryland.

Creation of the FHC was motivated by situations in which an alternate structure to a chapter facility corporation is appropriate. Such situations could be, but are not limited to, no property needs of a chapter to justify the work and expense of incorporating locally or the lack of interested alumnae to serve on a local facility corporation board.

## MEMBER SERVICES

J. Lewis Small is the new official jeweler of the Fraternity, manufacturing badges, guards, dangles, pledge pins, and various other "official" jewelry items, while Herff Jones continues to sell Kappa Alpha Theta accessory pieces. Royalties from jewelry during the last fiscal year were just over \$168,000.



The Fraternity selected a new official jeweler.

Bank of America manages the Fraternity's affinity charge card, and Coverdell continues to provide short-term health insurance to members. Royalties from these two programs were approximately \$31,422.

Kappa Alpha Theta retains the services of Affinity Consultants, Inc., as its licensing administrator. This firm collects royalties on Theta's behalf from the more than 260 vendors who sell licensed Kappa Alpha Theta products and services. The Fraternity received more than \$93,000 in royalties collected by Affinity Consultants last year.

We are extremely proud of having the status of number one sorority (out of 40) in the world on the Mason-Dixon for the year 34 semester. We have more than 20 women who have earned a cumulative 4.0 GPA and more than 80 percent of our chapter members have earned a 3.0 GPA or higher. Each year we recruit more women who are committed to achievement not only in academics but also in every aspect of their daily lives. We consistently have members involved in organizations such as Homecoming, Student Government, Student Association Board and many others, just to name a few. We are excited to continue this achievement and strive for the impact our alumnae can have in defining the stereotypes of sorority women and being in a world of no longer ignored."

—Laura Young  
Alpha Mu Chapter president

Being an ELC was truly making an impact. When my grandfather was diagnosed with cancer, I was constantly motivated by the women I met along the way. It definitely gave me hope for our world to see so many great leaders out there, and it made me even more proud that I could call those women Theta.

—Jennica Prescott  
AE/Washington State



# LOVE

"WE NURTURE A CONNECTION TO THE FRATERNITY AT ALL STAGES OF LIFE."

## SISTERS SUPPORTING SISTERS

In the autumn of 2010, the Fraternity embarked on a mental health initiative, Sisters Supporting Sisters. The goal of the program is to encourage dialogue concerning and support for all aspects of mental health; create a safe environment for members to discuss mental health issues; and provide guidance for recognizing signs of and helping members with mental health challenges and disorders.



Sisters Supporting Sisters provides online resource materials for college chapters and advisors to openly discuss, recognize, and provide guidance for members facing mental health challenges and disorders. Through partnerships Kappa Alpha Theta has developed with mental health professionals and organizations, Sisters Supporting Sisters is the first Greek initiative dedicated to promoting all aspects of mental health and wellness.

## PHILANTHROPY

Kappa Alpha Theta supports two philanthropies, Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation and Court Appointed Special Advocates.

The mission of **Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation** is to link members with resources to help them reach their fullest potential and make a difference in the world. Since 1960, Theta Foundation has provided more than \$23 million in support of Theta women and their communities, including more than \$500,000 in annual scholarships and educational and leadership grants to Theta women and chapters and approximately \$500,000 in annual support to the Fraternity. This support helps to make the Fraternity's educational and leadership programs possible and provides funding for mental health resources for college women and advisors, alcohol education, the development and preservation of Kappa Alpha Theta archives, the educational leadership consultant (ELC) program (which helps build strong college chapters through leadership and education), educational speakers for Fraternity events and workshops, and interfraternity programming that helps support the entire Greek community and their campuses. Theta Foundation scholarships and grants are made possible by the donations of individual members, college and alumnae chapters, parents, and friends of

Theta. For more information on Theta Foundation, making a gift, or applying for a scholarship or grant, visit [www.KappaAlphaThetaFoundation.org](http://www.KappaAlphaThetaFoundation.org).

Since 1989, Thetas have been deeply involved in the work of National CASA and its network, making lasting contributions as leaders, financial supporters, and passionate ambassadors for the CASA mission. To date, Theta Foundation has contributed more than \$900,000 to fund National CASA's public awareness efforts, which include educational materials, publications, and the Kappa Alpha Theta Program Director of the Year award. Gifts from individual donors, college chapters, and alumnae chapters make Theta Foundation's support of the National CASA grant possible.



Thetas are involved with CASA in many ways. Each year, college and alumnae chapters host fund-raisers to support their local CASA chapters. These events raise tens of thousands of dollars annually to support CASA's work. More importantly, Theta members provide personal support by volunteering their time in local CASA offices, making toys or items for CASA children, hosting events for CASA children, or assisting with CASA fund-raisers. Many Thetas complete the training to become CASA volunteers themselves.

On October 19, Kappa Alpha Theta celebrated its second **Day of Service**. Held on founder Bettie Locke Hamilton's birthday, alumnae and collegiate chapters, as well as individuals, spread the widest influence for good in their communities.



KAG DAY of SERVICE  
October 19

College chapters did everything from decorating trick-or-treat pillow cases for kids at a local children's hospital to volunteering at a food bank. Thetas at USC, Pepperdine, and Loyola Marymount teamed up to restore lifeguard towers on the beaches of Southern California. Alumnae chapters collected supplies for community centers and schools, delivered meals to Ronald McDonald House, and collected gift cards for CASA children. Despite busy schedules, many individual Thetas also took time out of their day to spread the widest influence for good!

Twenty-one women from 20 college chapters participated in Theta's first **service trip** in July. With support from Kappa Alpha Theta

*The Ohio women who joined to be part of the star-studded Theta Women's Convention, Sisters Supporting Sisters, making their first attendance more than to celebrate. I was particularly in awe of these outstanding women because not only have they been on Grand Council but they have such amazing dedication to our Fraternity. In addition, they were all personal friends of Norma Anderson, my sister I loved sitting with them and hearing all of their stories about Theta and what Theta was like in the early days."*  
—Laura Osborne, TZ/Connecticut

*The Richmond, Ky, alumnae chapter has been a local alumnae chapter for many years. We are excited to have our chapter and have begun to support the Delta Lambda Chapter through fundraising and participation from our members. We look forward to many years of building these close bonds and continuing to grow together. We are living out the vision of being Thetas for a lifetime."*  
—Richmond (Ky.) Alumnae Chapter Executive Board

*The most common question I get is, "How do I know if I have a mental disorder?" and I don't know how to help. The way that you help is to listen, to talk out your feelings to a professional, to browse research, to be that magical friend who even for people with the most severe mental health issues."*  
—Colleen Coffey, Active Minds (a Sisters Supporting Sisters partner)





Foundation, trip participants installed an irrigation system, built gates and benches, and completed other projects to improve the facility of Girls Inc. Santa Fe. They also facilitated educational programming and took part in an interactive leadership development program.

## RISK MANAGEMENT

Kappa Alpha Theta is committed to risk management policies that protect our Fraternity's rich history, but more importantly, the safety and well-being of our members. The Fraternity provides college chapters with a number of resources, including the *Risk Management Handbook*, the *Crisis Management Guide*, and a number of volunteers who work with chapter officers to plan social functions and educate chapter members on minimizing risk.

Designed for students joining Greek organizations, **GreekLifeEdu** is a specialized program that targets alcohol, hazing, and sexual assault. GreekLifeEdu empowers new members to make well-informed decisions and offers some simple strategies for member safety. The program presents non-opinionated, science-based content in an easily accessible, online format. Surveys, knowledge tests, and interactive exercises create a highly engaging experience for new members. All Kappa Alpha Theta new members must complete GreekLifeEdu.

Kappa Alpha Theta is a titanium sponsor of **HazingPrevention.Org**, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization whose goal is to encourage healthy and productive experiences for new members of teams, student organizations, and fraternities and sororities. Through diverse programs, including a national hazing symposium, webinars, and a resource library, the organization seeks to empower people to recognize, prevent,

and address hazing in their communities.

For more than 15 years, Kappa Alpha Theta has hosted **Risk Management on the Road (RMOTR)**, a seminar for women's fraternal traveling consultants. Over the years, the mission of RMOTR has remained the same: to help traveling consultants—not just from Theta, but from all Greek women's groups—learn about and discuss the critical issue of risk management in the Greek community. Through the annual grant to the Fraternity, the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation supports a number of educational and leadership programs, including RMOTR.

## KAPPA ALPHA THETA LIFE LOYAL

Introduced at Grand Convention 2010, Kappa Alpha Theta Life Loyalty is an optional program for members who wish to provide further financial support to the Fraternity.

Revenue made from memberships in the program supports an endowment of the Theta magazine and future educational and personal development programs for our college and alumnae members. Modeled after successful programs offered by other large national fraternities and sororities, Theta Life Loyalty exempts members from paying alumnae dues to the Fraternity and also offers lapel pins, jewelry, and other distinctive gifts. The "charter class" of 1,000 Life Loyalty members was filled within six months of the program's debut. ♦



Partnering with Kappa Alpha Theta in presenting RMOTR is a wonderful opportunity for the Sorority Department of My Insurance to help the traveling consultants of Greek letter organizations get the ground running. These women are making the transition from being college students to being new representatives of their own sororities and we are proud to be a great resource to the college chapters. It is a tremendous gift that Theta is giving to the Panhellenic community by subsidizing the cost of training travel to RMOTR training.

—Cindy Heine Steinhorn,  
B/Indiana







## A WIN-WIN OPPORTUNITY

**BECOME LIFE LOYAL AND GIVE BACK TO THE SISTERHOOD THAT HAS GIVEN YOU SO MUCH**

Kappa Alpha Theta has nurtured each of us through our college and alumnae days. Through times both dark and bright, the first Greek-letter fraternity for women has supported us. The good friends, the laughter, the loyalty—everything that makes Theta the wonderful experience it is—that's for a lifetime.

In turn, there are many ways to support our Fraternity. Becoming a Life Loyal member is one of them. Believing in the true worth and merit of Kappa Alpha Theta, Life Loyal members have chosen to remain linked to our sisterhood long after their college years. Through the Life Loyal program, they are committed to helping Theta foster dear friendships and nurture hopes and dreams for generations to come.

Kappa Alpha Theta Life Loyal is a program that allows us to simultaneously meet two goals: providing funds to endow the Theta magazine, plus freeing up monies to support our college chapters. Theta Life Loyal, which is modeled after successful programs offered by other large national sororities and fraternities, also allows us to provide recognition to those who support the Fraternity financially. As Thetas join Life Loyal, a portion of their one-time membership fee is set aside to fund a lifetime subscription to the Theta magazine. As a tangible expression of their Life Loyal status, these members are exempt from paying alumnae dues to the Fraternity, and they also receive lapel pins, gifts, and other distinctive, sophisticated ways to show their Theta pride and loyalty.

Together we are sisters linked heart to heart by vows of friendship and support. Together we are loyal to the ideals and traditions of the first Greek-letter fraternity known among women.

Much more about the Life Loyal program, including an online enrollment form, is available at [www.thetalifeloyal.org](http://www.thetalifeloyal.org). You may also contact Kristi Tucker, affinity program manager, [ktucker@kappaalphatheta.org](mailto:ktucker@kappaalphatheta.org).



### JOIN THE FOLLOWING LIFE LOYAL MEMBERS\*

#### A/DEPAUW

Pat Roth Martin  
Kristen McMahon  
Marian Allbaugh Short  
Natalie Richardson Thomas

#### B/INDIANA

Joan Epris Bossert  
Mary Kolb Emission  
Helen Anne Evans  
Nancy Lawson Giebel  
Oliver Ann Hinson  
Betsy Williams MacLennan  
Ann Steinkamp Meeks  
Julie Lyn Rowles  
Susan Lawson Shendel  
Amber Steele  
Carol Collins Templeton  
Teresa Weisert Tuerff  
Rosalee Harris Webb  
Shirley Ferguson Weisert  
Joan Erickson Whalen

#### I/BUTLER

Dorothea Smock Bowers  
Karen Hausman Garner  
JoAnn Hartford

Melany Hastings Kratten  
Joanne Poppe McKenney  
Marge Campbell McNamara  
Sharon Marlowe Parsons  
Patricia Rowe Robertson  
Susan Faulkner Shendan  
Diana Webster Suchy  
Valentine Corcoran-Swengler

#### Δ/ILLINOIS

Mary Liz Alexander Shoen  
Gail Bolot Macdonald

#### H/MICHIGAN

Jane E. Bowman  
Maggie Johnson Martin  
Claudia Waller  
Helen Waller Rousan

#### I/CORNELL

Suzanne Bors Andrews  
Sarah Osieroff Carter  
Meghan Scanlon Roach  
Judith Tischler Rogers  
Ginger Baker Warner

#### K/KANSAS

Marilyn Berryman Johnston

Staci Bradley Kuntz  
Debra Murphy  
Diane Larson Smith  
Lindsay A. Westberg

#### Δ/VERMONT

Jane Wilson Dune  
Sophie Koff

#### ΓΔ/OHIO WESTLEYAN

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### MORE LIKE HOME

Bana Najdawi Miller, X/Syracuse, and her husband, Matt, don't have a typical family situation. Matt is a career Army officer, so the pair is required to move quite frequently. After seven years of marriage, the Millers are about to move to their fourth state,

and it's her sisterhood in Theta that makes each new city feel more like home.



Bana Najdawi Miller  
X/Syracuse

"One of the first things I do after every move is to update my address with Fraternity headquarters and get in touch with the local alumnae chapter. It's such a relief knowing I have a built-in network of fabulous women everywhere the Army sends us."

Life-long Theta friendships have carried Miller through some of the toughest times in her life.

"When my husband deployed to Iraq for 16 months during the most volatile time of 'the surge,' it was my Theta sisters from Chi Chapter who acted as my lifeline and supported me through every casualty-filled day and every sleepless night. I knew they were something special when Theta brought us together almost a decade ago, but I never could have imagined how much my sisters and Theta would enrich my life in the long term."

Miller never expected to need Theta beyond her days at Syracuse, but as her life has evolved, so, too, have her bonds in Theta. "Theta has been an incredible support system in my life, most especially in the years since I left Chi Chapter. Being Life Loyal means I can give back to the organization that has given so much to me."

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WITH HER SPOUSE AS CO-CAPTAIN, DANA SZUCS HAYDEN IS ON COURSE TO CIRCUMNAVIGATE THE GLOBE ABOARD THE SAILBOAT *NORTHFORK*

**W**hen Dana Szucs laid eyes on future husband Mark Hayden, she didn't see stars.

She saw sailboats.

"On our first date, Mark said he someday wanted to sail around the world," recalls Szucs Hayden, Gamma Psi/TCU. "I had the same thing on my 'bucket list,' but I honestly didn't know if I'd ever do it."

Fast forward from their initial introduction in 2008, to a May 2009 engagement, to a wedding one year later, to the couple's six-month anniversary. By this time the newlyweds had racked up some serious sailing statistics: about 15,000 miles; across the Pacific Ocean; past six countries and more than 20 islands.

Since November 2010, the couple has been on dry land in New Zealand, where they're waiting out the Pacific Ocean's six-month cyclone season. They'll set sail again by April, with Australia as a possible destination. And although they each have particular "bucket list" ports of call—Dana ranks the Mediterranean, Ireland, Scotland, and the North Sea, and Mark envisions South America, the West Coast, and Alaska—both would like to accomplish a full circumnavigation.

"Six years would be a good, reasonable pace for us," says Szucs Hayden, referring to their around-the-world trek. "We've still got a lot to figure out but, basically, we'll sail until we don't want to any more."

"And the route we take may not be the shortest, or the most obvious."

#### **LIFE ABOARD THE *NORTHFORK***

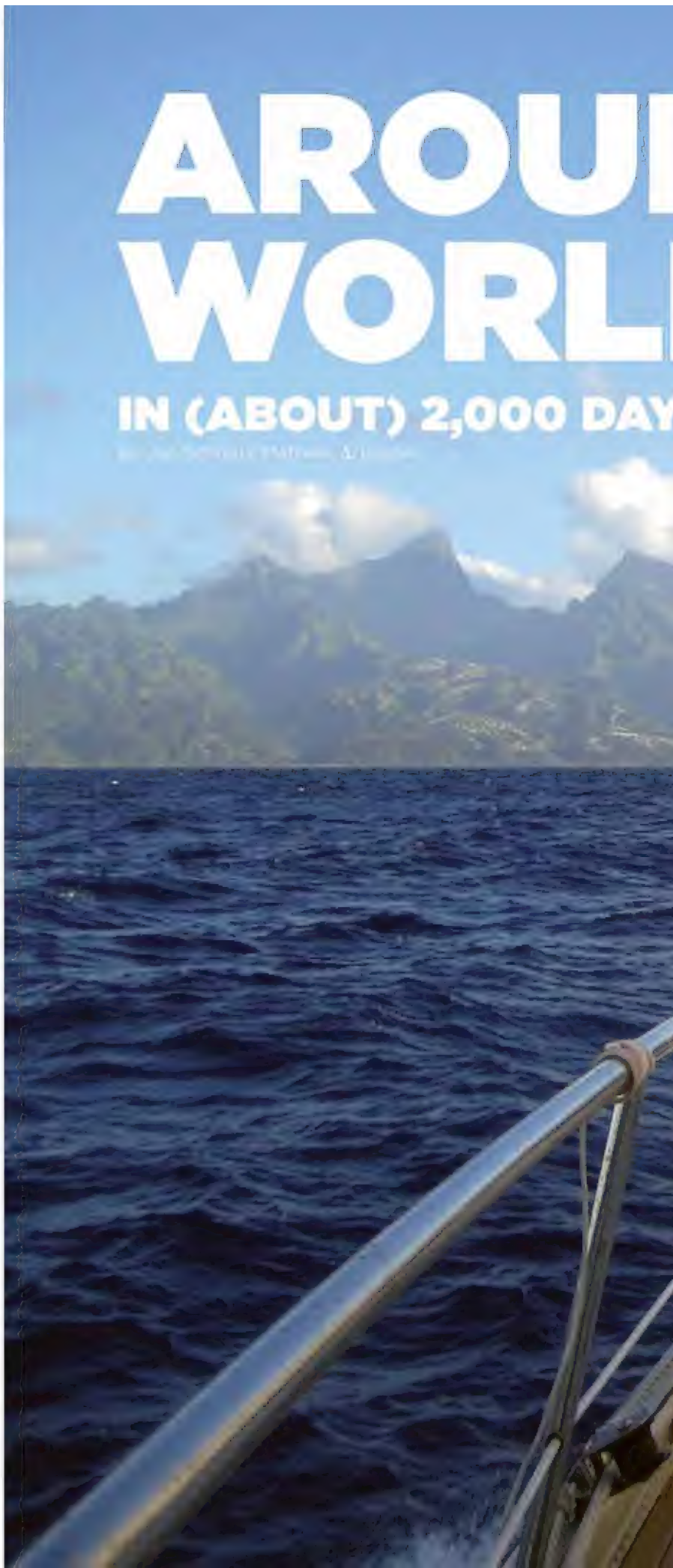
While determining routes and destinations is challenging, Szucs Hayden describes transforming a sailboat to a permanent residence as daunting, particularly since neither of the two-person crew claimed much prior sailing experience. A native of San Ramon, Calif., Szucs Hayden's "sea legs" came from power boating in the San Francisco Bay. And although Hayden held sailing certifications, he had navigated his way through only a few one-week trips. They took sailing lessons together but, for the most part, their adventures were learn-as-you-go experiences.

"Even though we had been sailing about a year before we were married, our longest passage was crossing from Virginia to Puerto Rico," say Szucs Hayden. "We had rarely been more than a few hundred miles from land, 99 percent of

The *Northfork* arriving in Tahiti, the largest island in the Society archipelago of French Polynesia.

# AROUND THE WORLD IN (ABOUT) 2,000 DAYS

by Dana Szucs Hayden, TCU member, and Mark Hayden





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Mark Hayden and Dana Szucs Hayden, TNY/TCU, in Whangarei, New Zealand.

the places we visited were English-speaking, we were never far from a decent grocery store, and we were always within a few hours' flight back to the United States.

"Things definitely changed after we got married!"

The *Northfork*, named for a river bend near Hayden's favorite childhood campsite, is a 2001 Amel Super Maramu 2000 with a 53-foot sailing ketch—or, in non-nautical terms—the dimensions of a very small apartment with one bedroom and a kitchen. Szucs Hayden says the two-mast boat is close to the size limit of what two people can manage without a crew. Fifty percent of the boat's main functions are electronic, which means tasks such as casting can be handled by one person.

"We're lucky because we have a refrigerator and two deep-freezers that can be converted into refrigerators, so we can carry a large quantity of fresh food," Szucs Hayden says. "Still, provisioning a boat isn't like shopping for a house. You have to calculate meals and snacks, beverages, and any other food and toiletries you need.

"For our crossing, I had to purchase six months' worth of everything, repackaging, and inventory it all."

The couple keeps spreadsheets of what's on board; Szucs Hayden tracks food and toiletries and Hayden records hundreds of spare parts. Maintenance and repairs, which Szucs Hayden describes as "endless," generally are tackled as a team.

"I'm constantly amazed by my husband's ability to fix problems on the boat," she says. "When something breaks, he pulls out our manuals and one of our 40 books on sailboat maintenance and gets to work.

"When he can't figure it out, I jump in with my two cents' worth."

Not everything can be found on the pages of a manual, though. On a crossing from Panama to the Galapagos, the *Northfork's* compass kept

showing the boat going in the wrong direction, even though the GPS indicated otherwise. "We couldn't figure out why," Szucs Hayden recalls. "Mark eventually asked me if I had put any magnets near the compass and I said 'no.' When the compass was still off a few days later, we re-visited the subject.

"After a while, I realized I had stored our electric toothbrush heads in the bathroom directly on the opposite side of the wall from the compass magnet. If it hadn't been for our GPS keeping us on track, who knows where those toothbrush heads would have sent us!"

Teamwork also kept the couple on track throughout their 18-day Pacific Ocean crossing. Because someone must be awake 24 hours a day when under sail, shifts are imperative.

"Mark is usually on morning watch for six to eight hours," Szucs Hayden explains. "Then I get up, we eat lunch, he takes a nap, and I'm on watch for two to three hours. We eat dinner together, I go to sleep by 6 PM, he wakes me up between 11 and 1, and I stay on watch for about eight hours."

The rotation works particularly well for someone who, ironically, is often at odds with the water.

"I get horribly seasick for the first three to five days of any passage, and I'm virtually useless except staying up at night on watch," Szucs Hayden admits. "The temperatures are cooler then, and I don't seem to get as seasick."

## BETTER BY BOAT

What the *Northfork* might occasionally lack in comfort, it more than compensates for in unparalleled access and vistas. Traveling by boat also offers lessons in culture and geography, Szucs Hayden says.

"Our first island after crossing the Pacific was Fatu Hiva in the Marquesas. On our second night, we were sitting on the boat and could hear a drum beating on land. We decided to go in and check it out.

## TRACKING THE NORTHFORK

At this point in their navigation, Dana and Mark have sailed approximately 20,000 miles; to 17 countries and/or territories; and to more than 45 different islands through the US Caribbean, Galapagos, and South Pacific.

- United States
  - Block Island
  - Fisher Island
  - Nantucket
  - Isle of Shoals
  - Manhattan
  - Long Island
- Puerto Rico
  - Culebra, Vieques
- U.S. Virgin Islands
  - three islands
- British Virgin Islands
  - five islands
- Saba
- Saint Martin
- Guadalupe
  - two islands
- Martinique
- St. Lucia
- St. Vincent & The Grenadines
  - six islands
- Tobago
- Panama
- Ecuador
  - three islands
- French Polynesia
  - two Marquesas
  - two Tuamotu
  - five Society
- American Samoa
- Tonga
  - six islands
- New Zealand

*Basically, we'll sail until we don't want to any more. And the route we take may not be the shortest, or the most obvious."*



"We discovered a big celebration with about 50 dancers in native costume doing traditional dances. It wasn't a show, and there was no audience. They were just spontaneously celebrating their culture and history, and we were there to enjoy it."

There are more than 25,000 Pacific Islands and, although less than half are inhabited, each offers a unique terrain—reefs, mountains, arid, or lush. "To really experience the islands, you need to visit more than one or two—which is something you can do by boat," Szucs Hayden says. "We discovered an island that had great hiking and archeological sites, so we stayed about two weeks."

"Sailing gives us the ability to plan as we go."

Even familiar sights take on fresh perspectives from a sailboat. "Sailing into New York harbor past the Statue of Liberty was really amazing," Szucs Hayden says. "Even though I had lived in New York City and been to the Statue of Liberty, sailing in under the bridge and up the west side was a truly unique experience."

There's also a lot of camaraderie that comes with sailing. Boats keep tabs on one another, and their crews meet up whenever possible. "There's always a fair number of people going in the same direction—just following the sea and the wind," says Szucs Hayden.

"Technology helps immensely, and most of us blog." Networking often provides helpful tips, such as the tradition of providing snacks and beverages throughout the customs process in Tonga, or wearing nice clothes to speak with customs officers in Panama.

The couple also consider themselves at the ideal stage for life at sea: they haven't started a family, and their parents are in excellent health. As a software engineer, Mark can work from anywhere in the world with Internet access. And although Dana—who earned a masters degree in forensic accounting in 2008—had yet to launch a career in her field, she felt the timing was right for a break.

An earlier health scare also propelled Szucs Hayden to set sail. In 2007, while working and studying for her masters, she was hospitalized for stroke symptoms that included impaired vision, numbness, and severe headaches. She moved from Washington, DC, to live closer to her mother in the small town of Gardnerville, Nev., which is also where she met Mark.

"The same options might not be on the table when we return and, by choosing to take this trip, I could be giving up the career I hoped to have someday," admits Szucs Hayden, referring to the field of identity theft and financial fraud.

"But I also feel I was meant to do this, and that it's the right decision for us."

## SMOOTH SAILING AHEAD

In some ways, it takes a village to support the seafarers. Szucs Hayden's mother keeps an eye on their "land home" in Gardnerville—collecting mail and forwarding it when they're in one location for any length of time. She also serves as a delivery hub for the couples' online orders and other purchases.

"Every time we make a trip home we bring back a full load, which is usually six duffel bags at exactly 50 pounds," Szucs Hayden says. "We picked up our camping gear in August, because we knew we'd be camping in New Zealand." In the past 18 months, the couple's ventured home three times. Their home port is in Incline Village, Nev.

Being mutually supportive on board is essential as well. The ability to self-teach is key to success, and the right attitude makes all the difference.

"It's important to be proactive and to keep myself busy. Sometimes we have to spend a couple of days without Internet access, and I try to adapt to that time and make it productive."

"It's not always easy to keep my spirits up when the weather's bad or when I'm seasick. But I try to always be loving and patient with my spouse. After all, I only have 53 feet to get away from him!"

Szucs Hayden feels it's also important to balance togetherness with individual interests. To that end, she looks forward to launching her Etsy shop this winter. A website targeted to home crafters, Etsy allows vendors to create a virtual shop for products ranging from necklaces to pillows to wedding dresses and everything in between. Szucs Hayden, who holds a general studies degree from TCU in design, plans to create and sell PDF counted cross-stitch patterns via [www.schemeecreative.etsy.com](http://www.schemeecreative.etsy.com).

"Now that we're over the learning hump with sailing, I'll have more time to devote to my business," she says. "Mark's also very supportive, plus I don't have the distractions of school or office."

Although very focused on their circumnavigation, Szucs Hayden acknowledges that uncertainties are bound to be part of their future course. That's why, ultimately, she feels faith is the best navigator. "I didn't want to move to Nevada, but I was very quickly reminded that God has a plan, and you have to go with it. Things work out and doors do open—but you have to be ready to walk through."

"It took a lot of faith to say, 'OK, let's buy a boat, give up our condo, sail around the world to places we've never been to or heard of, and hope that we don't sink along the way.'"

"They say that one year of marriage on a boat is the equivalent of five years on land. Which means so far, so good!" ♦



Top: Szucs Hayden's first time up the mast; center: the Northfork in Tonga; bottom: the pilot berth is comfy for reading.

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